

## Article - Business Regulation

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§8–202.

(a) (1) The Commission consists of 9 members, appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary.

(2) Of the 9 members of the Commission:

(i) 3 shall have experience in some phase of the business of home improvement;

(ii) at least 1 shall have experience in the business of banking or finance;

(iii) 4 shall be consumer members; and

(iv) 1 shall have experience in some phase of the business of home improvement or shall be a consumer member.

(b) Each member of the Commission shall have been a citizen and resident of the State for at least 5 years before appointment.

(c) Each consumer member of the Commission:

(1) shall be a member of the general public;

(2) may not be a licensee or otherwise be subject to regulation by the Commission;

(3) may not be required to meet the qualifications for the professional members of the Commission; and

(4) may not, within 1 year before appointment, have had a financial interest in or have received compensation from a person regulated by the Commission.

(d) While a member of the Commission, a consumer member may not:

(1) have a financial interest in or receive compensation from a person regulated by the Commission; or

(2) grade any examination given by or for the Commission.

(e) Before taking office, each appointee to the Commission shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

(f) (1) The term of a member is 4 years and begins on July 1.

(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms in effect for members of the Commission on October 1, 1992.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(g) (1) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection and subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, the Governor shall remove a member if the member did not attend at least two-thirds of the Commission meetings held during the prior year while the member was serving on the Commission.

(3) The Governor may allow a member to continue serving if the member has been unable to attend meetings for reasons satisfactory to the Governor and the reasons are made public.

(4) In accordance with § 8-501 of the State Government Article, the chairman shall provide notice to the Governor and the Governor shall appoint a successor.

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